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# TREE PEONIES

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U. S. Department of Agriculture *Statement of Policies*

We sell OWN-ROOT plants only, of "Japanese" and Hybrid varieties. No "Europeans". All named varieties are guaranteed true-to-name.

Plants are delivered in the fall only, in ample time for planting in the respective zones. They are sent out in polyethylene bags, in damp sawdust. We have received many fine comments on this method of packing.

Plants will not ordinarily give typical bloom the first year after planting, so do not expect it. It takes a year for them to establish themselves.

All old stems are removed from plants at time of packing. All growth in your garden will be new, fresh, and vigorous.

Because we have no control over them, after they leave our hands, we cannot guarantee survival. We can and do guarantee that as sent you they will be strong and vigorous, and in the very best condition.

Full planting and cultural instructions are sent with each shipment.

Even under the best of circumstances the growth of a Tree Peony into a specimen plant is no over-night affair. But when established, the beauty of the plant itself, aside from that of its magnificent blooms, is a many-fold reward for your patience.

It is our purpose to see to it that the dollars you have to invest in Tree Peonies can buy you no greater value than we at St. Clair Gardens offer you.

## HYBRID TREE PEONIES

It should be noted that the doubles in this group do not bear their blooms well out above the foliage, as they are quite large and correspondingly heavy. However, this is more than compensated for by their great beauty, and they are fine for floating and can be easily held up by staking.

### *Alice Harding* . . . . . \$20.00

The purest yellow of all, quite double, but with pronounced center. Slower than other Hybrids in attaining full height. Stock of this variety still scarce.

### *Argosy* . . . . . \$7.50

One of the famous Saunders Hybrids. A clear yellow single, cup-shaped, graceful foliage. Like L'Esperance, bears blooms up far better than the doubles.

### *L'Esperance* . . . . . \$12.50

Another single, clear yellow, with red-tipped carpels. Prominent stamens. This one developed in France by LeMoine.

### *Satin Rouge* . . . . . \$12.50

Those of you who have seen this one in bloom will agree that it is truly "red satin." Foliage a charming shade of green. Bloom quite double.

### *Souvenir de Maxime Cornu* . \$10.00

Understandably one of the better-known of this group. Extremely double yellow, petals tinged pink and coral. Delightfully fragrant, lovely foliage, vigorous grower.

### *Surprise* . . . . . \$10.00

Another of the large doubles. Petals yellow, quite irregular, blended with pale salmon and rosy purple. An upright grower. One of most vigorous, has dark green foliage.

### One Each of Above

Hybrids . . . . . \$65.00

Complete Set of 13 Plants As

## "JAPANESE" TREE PEONIES

These are vastly superior to the "European" varieties, being good bloomers and bearing their blooms well out above the foliage.

### *Asabi-Zuru* . . . . . \$7.50

A free-flowering pink with paler edges, prominent center. Blooms medium size, an erect grower.

### *Godaisyu* . . . . . \$10.00

One of the finest whites. Free Bloomer, double, with lovely golden center.

### *Hinode-Sekai* . . . . . \$10.00

A rich pink double, sometimes listed as a red. One of most floriferous varieties. An erect grower.

### *Nissbo* . . . . . \$10.00

Fully double and a true red. Blooms grow darker and glossier as they age.

### *Rimpo* . . . . . \$10.00

One of best-known varieties. Has large purple-maroon flowers that are unique. Has prominent golden center.

### *Ruriban* . . . . . \$7.50

A fine purple single, exceedingly floriferous. A vigorous grower, and the earliest blooming variety we have. Forms a well-shaped bush. Give this one plenty of room when you put it out, as we have one 8-yr. old plant that is 8 feet in diameter and 4½ feet high.


### *Yachiyo-Tsubaki* . . . . . \$10.00

With many who have seen this in bloom it is their favorite pink. Blooms more single than double, perfectly shaped. Foliage a bright glossy green.


### One Each of Above Japanese Varieties . . . . . \$57.50

Listed . . . . . \$120.00

We are growing many varieties in addition to those listed. If you are interested in one or more not listed, please let us hear from you.




Our garden will be open to visitors in 1957 on Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6, when Japanese varieties will be at their best, and on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13, for the Hybrids.



## SPECIAL


We are this year offering germinated Tree Peony seeds, from good named Japanese varieties, that will be young plants for you next spring. No waiting 2 and 3 years for your plants. No heavy losses in seeds that rot before germinating. Seeds will be mailed in polyethylene bags, in damp sawdust, with instructions for their care. Bloom in from 5 to 9 years. Some will be good, some will be poor. All will be interesting.

100 Germinated Seeds . . . \$12.50



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